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WEBB COUNTY BRIDGE APPLICATION DEEMED COMPLETE BY TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; Webb County's bridge proposal costs half the price of the city's proposal

WEBB COUNTY, Texas – Webb County's application for a new international bridge has been deemed complete by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and is on its way to other state agencies for final comments, Webb County Judge Louis H. Bruni announced today.

"This is a significant step in the bridge application process," said Judge Bruni. "We are very pleased by the signal this sends."

"This TXDOT decision sends a signal to the people of Webb County that we are one step closer to seeing a significant return on our investment in the new bridge project," said Bruni. "The new bridge will generate long-term bridge revenues that will help many families here in Webb County by funding vital services like health care and public safety while keeping property taxes in check."

Now that TXDOT is satisfied Webb County's application is complete, the application will be distributed to several state agencies for comments. In addition, TXDOT will complete a written analysis of the application, in preparation for applying to the U.S. Department of State for a Presidential Permit. Both the comments and analysis are expected to be complete by November, after which the application and entire package of supporting information will be presented to the Texas Transportation Commission for final approval.